

# PEACE IN SAMOA, FOR THE SAKE OF ACCEDE TO GERMANY'S DEMAND.

New Commission Must Agree Upon a Course of Action Before Sailing for Apia—Press and Statesmen Conservative in the Crisis.



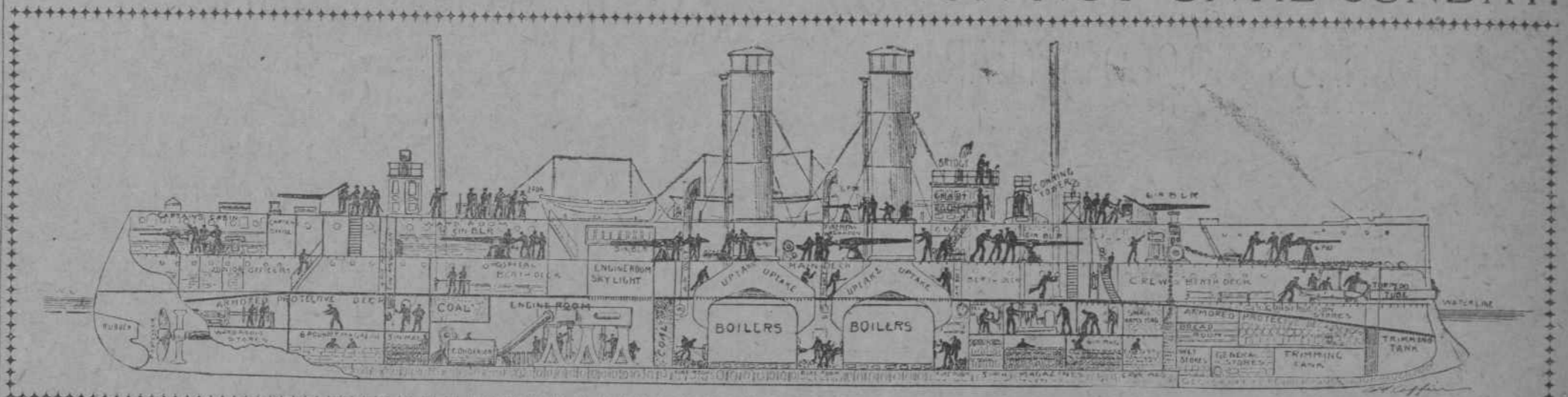
Lieutenant Philip V. Lansdale, Killed in Samoa.

He was in command of a party of marines from the cruiser Philadelphia, who, in company with a force from the British war ship at Apia, were annihilated by the Samoan warriors. He continued to work at the Colt gun after his leg had been shattered. He was finally shot through the heart, and his head was cut off. Lieutenant Lansdale was prominent in San Francisco society, where his wife, who was Miss Ethel Smith, and whom he married last summer, now lives. He was also well known here and in Pittsburgh.

Germany has named Baron von Sternberg as her Samoan Commissioner. The Commission will sail for Samoa about May 1. Germany has pointed out that there should be unanimity as to procedure among the Commissioners before they sailed.

Conservation marks the end of the three Governments concerned in the Samoan difficulty, and it is believed the Commission will quickly bring about peace.

# ALL READY TO WELCOME THE RALEIGH, SHE COMES IN TOMORROW OR NOT UNTIL SUNDAY.



LONGITUDINAL SECTION OF U. S. S. RALEIGH, SHOWING THE CREW AT THE GUNS IN ACTION.

## SAXTON'S MURDER FULLY PLANNED.

Mrs. George's Lawyer Declares on the Stand That She Discussed the Killing, and Asked His Advice About the Details.

Canton, O., April 13.—Supported by a ruling by Judge Taylor that conversations with an attorney before a crime is committed are not privileged, the State today showed by the testimony of a former counsel to Mrs. George that she had carefully planned the murder of George D. Saxton. They also demonstrated that the defendant had discussed the assassination with at least one friend fully a year before the deed was done.

Mrs. George's lawyers, on the other hand, showed that she had been persecuted in many ways by the murdered man, and also succeeded in discounting some of the testimony given against her. The day, however, was a real battle for the State. The effect of the testimony on the jury was noticeably telling. On the defendant it appeared to amount to nothing.

The name of the State's mysterious witness is Christina Eckroat, whose home is nearly opposite the Althouse residence, in front of which Saxton was murdered. Mrs. Eckroat, it is now known positively, testified that she saw Saxton shot down, and she also identified Mrs. George as the murderer. The Eckroat family, it seems, was at dinner when the state's first witness was killed. "I'll bet George Saxton has been killed," she shouted to her husband as she jumped up and ran to the window. On opening it she thrust out her head just in time to see two more shots fired into the prostrate body of Saxton at close range. Then the woman, whom Mrs. Eckroat is certain was Mrs. George, disappeared down Lincoln avenue.

The State will also put upon the stand Mrs. Mary Grable, a former friend of Mrs. George, who is said to have heard the latter make threats against Saxton's life. After the opening of court today William F. Cook returned to the stand long enough to say it was about 11:15 at night when he met Mrs. George in the Saxton building.

## MAZET GUNS AIMED AT CROKER TO-DAY.

He Is to Be the Star Witness of the Legislative Inquiry.

### AN ALL SUMMER JOB.

Mr. Moss Says the Committee Will Stay Till the Whole City Has Been Searched.

The attention of the Mazet investigating committee, which resumes its labors at 10 o'clock this morning, will be wholly engrossed with Richard Croker, who was summoned on Wednesday night to appear and testify. It is not probable that any other witness than Mr. Croker will be called at to-day's session. Mr. Croker is ready for the ordeal, and his friends say before it gets through with him.

Frank Moss, counsel to the committee, declared yesterday for the first time since the investigation began that the committee would sit all summer if such a course should prove to be necessary.

"The committee," said he, "will not cease from its labors until every city department against which there is a charge of wrongdoing has been investigated. As to the report that the committee will end its labors with the adjournment of the Legislature, I want to say that before I accepted a re-employment to act as counsel for the committee, I was assured that its investigation was to be of the most thorough character. I received this assurance without asking for it, although I would not have undertaken the work of counsel without that understanding."

The resolution under which the committee is acting gives its full authority to continue its work until it is finished. The committee, however, thought it best, and agreed with them, to present a preliminary report to the Assembly showing just what had been done and what the prospects were for a successful investigation. I do not think there is any doubt as to what the Legislature will do in view of that report. I have made no plans to take any vacation this summer, and I have enough of my own testimony to offer to keep the committee busy."

Mr. Moss refused to say whether he had received a letter from the citizens of Brooklyn requesting that Mayor Van Wyck be subpoenaed to explain why the Long Island Water Supply was not purchased by the city as directed. He said, however, that the Mayor, the former proprietor of the Broadway Garden, had not been subpoenaed.

Mr. Moss's statement seems to dispose of the rumor that the committee was called off by the city. Many politicians generally conceded yesterday that the committee was to stay, and to present a preliminary report to the Assembly showing just what had been done and what the prospects were for a successful investigation. I do not think there is any doubt as to what the Legislature will do in view of that report. I have made no plans to take any vacation this summer, and I have enough of my own testimony to offer to keep the committee busy."

It was hinted yesterday that the Society for the Prevention of Crime would, at its meeting next Tuesday, take action favorable to the Mazet investigation.

It is said that the present action of the Legislature will not adjourn on April 29, as was at first expected, but that an extension of time will be asked by the Mazet committee so as to enable it to finish its inquiries to the limit. The members of the committee, including Chairman Mazet, arrived here from Albany last night.

### WHITNEY NOT IN THE AUTO-TRUCK SYNDICATE.

He Denies Positively the Statement of Several Newspapers That He Has Any Interest in the Concern.

A dispatch from Springfield, O., printed in the papers yesterday morning, stating that Mr. William C. Whitney was interested in the Auto-Truck syndicate in the requirement of certain interests there, was shown to Mr. Whitney, and he was asked if the statements contained in the dispatch were true. He said:

"No, they are not true. My name has, from time to time, been associated in the public press with a company known as the Auto-Truck Company. You may say that I neither have nor have had at any time, interest in the company, nor do I know anything about its organization, property or affairs."

The confusion arises from the circumstance that the Metropolitan Street Railway was a large interest in the American Air Power Company, a corporation entirely distinct from the Auto-Truck Company, and has spent a large amount of money developing the system as applied to surface railways.

Metropolitan Company is soon to run cars with air power on Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth streets, and we believe cars of New York will soon realize all the benefits to be derived from a new power on surface railways, in the use of which no treating up of streets is required. We have spent at least three years and a greater part of a million dollars in experiments and development, which we now believe will prove entirely successful."

Justice Truax Head of Manhattan Club.

The newly elected Board of Governors of the Manhattan Club held their first meeting yesterday in the club house, Frederic R. Croker, who has served as president of the club for twelve years, declared a resolution to accept and justice Truax, who was unanimously elected president. The club house is at present quarters at the University Club, Twenty-sixth street and Madison avenue on May 1.

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## Report That She Did Not Leave Bermuda Until Yesterday, but the Programme Will Be Carried Out Whenever She Arrives.

Dispatches received by Mayor Van Wyck yesterday through Chief of the Bureau of Navigation Crowninshield announce that the Raleigh was delayed at Bermuda on Wednesday night by snowiness in cooling and did not leave until 8 a. m. yesterday.

Estimates of the speed of the returning cruiser differ so much, owing to her having been so long in tropical waters, that the Reception Committee is literally at sea as to the exact time to look for her arrival. In Washington it is believed that she cannot reach Tompkinsville before afternoon to-morrow, which would make the celebration practically impossible for that day.

On the other hand, Admiral Philip and his flag officer, Commodore J. D. J. Kelly, who know the Raleigh well, say she is pretty sure to loom up off the Highlands to-morrow morning.

Rear Admiral Osborn said yesterday, after a careful calculation, that there could be no question about the Raleigh arriving on time, as the officers know she is expected by the people of New York in the morning. The distance, he said, between Bermuda and this port is 600 knots. The Raleigh can make fifteen knots an hour if necessary. She crosses the Gulf Stream diagonally, which will assist her by nearly half a knot an hour. Should she be able to make only between thirteen and fourteen knots an hour, she would cover the distance easily in forty-eight hours.

A Reception, Anyway.

The Reception Committee therefore decided to go ahead with preparations for her reception to-morrow.

General Daniel Butterfield, however, requested the Journal to announce that if by any accident Captain J. A. Coghlan, who is expected to arrive on schedule time, the welcome will be extended to himself and crew in exactly the same manner on Sunday.

All the plans for the reception are complete. The Mayor and Reception Committee will embark on the Glen and Glen Island.

## ROOT'S PET POLICE BILL KILLED.

That Which Provides for a Single-Headed Commission Defeated.

Albany, April 13.—In order to put every Senator on record on police legislation for New York City the Republican leaders in the Senate today called up the four police bills which were drafted by Elihu Root, and the important one of the lot, which provides for the creation of a single-headed police commission in New York City, was killed by a vote of 25 to 23. This bill was killed by the Democratic Senators with the aid of Senators Coghlan, Wilcox and Willis, but Wilcox and Willis have signified their intention to vote for the State Constabulary bill, which was introduced today.

In its general features the bill applies to cities of the first and second class. The Governor appoints only the State Commissioner, the appointment of a deputy, secretary and other officers being left to the commissioner. The commissioner is to receive a stated salary of \$6,000, with \$1,500 additional for expenses. One of the most important changes in the bill from its original draft is the entire elimination of the special civil service provision, the department being left under the control of the General Civil Service Commission.

The department is to be known as the Department of State Police, with a single-headed commission, appointed by the Governor with a majority vote of the Senate, for a term of six years. The Police Departments, the Police Boards, or the Police Commissions, as they may be called, are abolished and the police forces heretofore existing are consolidated into one department under the control of the State Commissioner.

### OLD SOL GOES INTO THE FIREBUG BUSINESS.

He Uses an Electric Light Bulb and a Glass Paper-Weight as Burning Glasses.

At the house of John M. Sager, No. 711 East One Hundred and Forty-fourth street, an electric light bulb, decorated with ribbons, hung in the parlor window as an ornament. Mrs. Sager put her three-year-old daughter Lily on a chair under the bulb and gave her a doll to play with. The sun's rays centered on the glass bulb and shone through it on the window curtain. Soon a thin wreath of smoke came from the base and the bulb cracked, thinking it was arranged for her amusement. The curtain soon began to blaze. Fortunately the bulb became so hot that it broke. The popping noise brought Mrs. Sager in from a rear room to find the child's clothing and the curtain burning brightly.

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## JAGGERS WAS A CUPID.



"Cupid's Messenger" is the title of an old play, but dispatches from Chicago indicate that it belongs as well to William Thomas Jagers, the London District Messenger boy, who recently made a flying trip to the Lake City and back to headquarters in the employ of Richard Harding Davis. Jagers travelled all the way from London to carry a small parcel from Mr. Davis to Miss Clark, the daughter of a wealthy Chicago business man. Mr. Davis arrived here a few days ago. Their engagement to marry has just been announced, and on one of her slender fingers Miss Clark wears a new diamond ring.

Did Jagers cross the Atlantic twice and cover two thousand miles by railway to

### Special Cable to the Journal and Advertiser.

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Berlin, April 13.—Since the recent unfortunate events in Samoa were made known there has been a constant interchange of cable dispatches between the governments interested, looking to measures that would avert further bloodshed in the archipelago and bring to an end the hostile feelings engendered between the nations. The result is that the insistence of the German Government that there should be a clearly defined programme of what the tripartite commission shall do in Samoa before the commissioners sail has been assented to.

England, which alone opposed this, has consented in the face of Germany's firm stand. Immediately upon receipt of the final advice from Great Britain Baron von Sternberg, First Secretary of the Embassy at Washington, was notified to represent Germany on the commission.

The good understanding reached in this respect is believed to have cleared the atmosphere, and it is predicted here that the commission will readily adjust the situation in Samoa, and that there shall be no further misunderstanding and peace will be restored.

The Kaiser has taken a deep interest in the conditions that seemed about to place his country into war with two powerful nations. Since the arrival of the news from Samoa yesterday he has had three long conferences with Baron von Buelow, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and they have been together nearly all of today.

Reichstag's Questions.

The interpellation on Samoa, which Baron von Buelow has announced that he will reply to, will be the first matter taken up by the Reichstag to-morrow morning. The interpellation is signed by a majority of the Conservatives, National Liberals, Reichstag and the Socialists, and asks the Government for information "concerning the events in Samoa which have injured German interests so seriously. It also asks what measures have been taken or are proposed."

At the special request of Count von Buelow, the interpellation will be a public one. All references to anti-German press outbreaks in England and America will be omitted and no sensational development is expected in the debate.

Prince Hohenzollern, the Imperial Chancellor, has declined his willingness to furnish complete information on the Samoan situation and contemplated measures.

Statement by Mr. White.

Ambassador White made this statement today:

"We have received from the Foreign Office an account of the latest conflict in Samoa. The German Government expressed surprise and took occasion to urge the adoption of the unanimity rule in the findings of the Samoa Commission. The German Government argued that only the arrival of the commission could prevent further serious bloodshed. This morning Baron von Buelow informs the American Ambassador that the unanimity rule has at last been agreed to. The commission has also agreed to this. The commission can probably proceed to the islands without delay."

German Press Cable.

The newspapers were permitted to publish the news of the encounter this morning, and did so calmly and generally without comment. The Cologne Gazette declares that if the guilt of the manager of the German plantation is proven, Germany will approve of his arrest and a demand for his punishment. "We will not defend the behavior of a German," the article says. The paper admits that Dr. Ramey, the President of the Municipal Council at Apia, acted illegally in closing the office of the Chief Justice, and says that "the other two powers will, we admit, admit the illegal acts of their representatives."

The Lokai-Angela thinks the "affair" shows the need of prompt action by the commission, and the Taschler says the "rest of the manager was illegal, and that German Consul is the only competent judge in the matter. The Vossische Zeitung says that whatever action is taken

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